UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : Mr. Mohr

DATE: November 28, 1963

FROM : Mr. DeLoach

SUBJECT: ASSASSINATION OF PRESIDENT JOHN F. KENNEDY

At 2:20 pm, on 11/27/63 Mr. Kemper in my office received a call from Philippe deBausset (no reference Bureau files) who stated he was the Washington representative of the French magazine called Paris Match. He stated that they had a researcher in Dallas and that he had come up with some interesting facts and would like to talk to someone.

At 3:05 pm Mr. deBausset called at the Bureau and was interviewed by Mr. Kemper. Mr. de Bausset said that their researcher in Dallas is Mr. Paul Mathias who is staying at the Cabana Motor Inn telephone RI 8-8161. He stated Mr. Mathias had come up with the following facts:

(1) that after the shooting of Oswald Mathias was able to secure the home address of Ruby and got to Ruby's apartment before the police did. Mr. deBausset said that this alone reflected the incompetency of the Dallas Police Department.

(2) that Mathias had called on a gunsmith in Dallas, name unknown to de Bausset and the gunsmith had advised him that a few weeks ago he had fixed a telescopic sight on an Argentine carbine and that the receipt for $6.00 bore Oswald's signature. Mr. deBausset was asked how Mathias knew this was Oswald's signature and deBausset advised that he had no further information. He further indicated that when the police called on the same gunsmith they did not ask for the receipt. He further pointed out that the Argentine telescope was fixed with three screws and that he understood the Italian gun was fixed with four screws.

(3) that after Oswald returned from Mexico on November 4, 1963, he had a map showing the parade route of the President.

(4) that there was an individual unknown to deBausset living at the same address as Oswald who fled the same date of the association and that this individual had a link to Ruby.

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Kemper questioned Mr. deBausset for further details but he stated that was all he had and that furthermore he had passed it on to his Paris Office.

Mr. deBausset lives at 5005 Ft. Seminar Drive and his telephone is 654-6152.

Mr. deBausset asked for any comment the Bureau might desire to make and he was advised we had no comment to make about the case.

ACTION

That this memorandum be forwarded to the General Investigative Division for appropriate action.

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